(ख) यदि हां, तो स्थिति ठीक करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जाने की संभावना है और उस पर सरकार का कौन सा विभाग कार्यवाही करेगा ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) ऊपर (क) को देखते हुए प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Independence of Namrup Fertilizer Unit

1123. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some public representatives of Assam have approached Government to convert Namrup Fertilizer Unit of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation into a fully independent unit;

(b) whether it contemplates to transform it into fully or partially private undertakings; and

(c) what steps are underway to make the Namrup Fertilizer viable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) and (b) No such request has been received from any public representative of Assam.

(c) The Namrup-III unit is already viable. Regarding Namrup-I and II units Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation has proposed a revamp with capital restructuring and derating of capacity. No decision has been taken by Government.

Names of packing materials

1124. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3756 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26-3-1992 and state ;

(a) what are the names of packing materials where prices have gone up beyond 20 per cent;

(b) what are the names of the producers of these packing materials and what is their profitability;

(c) whether producers of such packing materials are offering heavy discounts and other incentives for purchases made in big lots; and

(d) what are the reasons for which this aspect has altogether been ignored while increasing the prices of packing materials ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) to (d) Government's decision with regard to cost of packing materials used in formulations is based on the recommendations of BICP which are of confidential nature.

Swindling of money by top management of IDPL

1125. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3762 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26-3-92 and state :

(a) whether swindling of money by the bureaucrats of his Ministry and the top management of IDPL over the years have brought about the present position of this public sector;

(b) what are the reasons for which the Government are still with this public sector company when it is no longer the sole or major producer of any drug except some Vitamins;

(c) whether this company can survive on the basis of production of these vitamins;

(d) whether it is a fact that not only the cost of production of drugs but prices of drugs of this company are highest; and

(e) what steps have been taken or are being contemplated to dispose of this white elephant so that resources can be properly used ?